

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO. C-090711
	:	TRIAL NO. B-0508896
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
	:	<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
vs.	:	
	:	
JOHN COTTON,	:	
	:	
Defendant-Appellant.		

We consider this appeal on the accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court.¹

Defendant-appellant, John Cotton, appeals the judgment of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas sentencing him to a term of imprisonment for felonious assault.

After reviewing the record and the applicable law, Cotton's appointed appellate counsel, pursuant to *Anders v. California*,² states in her brief that she has found no errors in the proceedings below and requests this court to review the record for any reversible error.

Under *Anders*, this court is now charged with the task of independently reviewing the record for any prejudicial errors that would warrant the reversal of the trial court's judgment. After reviewing the entire record, we conclude that there was no prejudicial error in the proceedings below, and we hold that there are no grounds to

¹ See S.Ct.R.Rep.Op. 3(A), App.R. 11.1(E), and Loc.R. 12.

² (1967), 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396.

support a meritorious appeal. The judgment of the trial court is, therefore, affirmed, and counsel's motion to withdraw is hereby overruled.

Although we have concluded that this appeal is frivolous pursuant to App.R. 23 and is without "reasonable cause" under R.C. 2505.35, we refrain from taxing costs and expenses against Cotton because it is clear from the record that he is indigent.

A certified copy of this judgment entry shall constitute the mandate, which shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27.

HILDEBRANDT, P.J., DINKELACKER and MALLORY, JJ.

To the Clerk:

Enter upon the Journal of the Court on May 26, 2010
per order of the Court _____.
Presiding Judge